CELEBRATION OF THE HOMEGOING

of

Our Dearly Beloved Mother,
Grandmother and Great Grandmother

MOTHER EDMONIA THOMAS

Born: August 22, 1909
Departed: October 5, 1990

Friday, October 12, 1990
11:00 A.M.

McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ
1443 Filbert Street
Richmond, California

Superintendent John A. Jennings, Pastor
Officiant

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OBITUARY

Another soldier gone to get a great reward;
She fought the fight, she kept the faith,
And now she has gone home to God.

On Friday, October 5, 1990, the sweet spirit of our dear mother, Mother Edmonia Thomas, went to join the Saviour in that home not built with hands, but whose maker and builder is God. Mother Thomas was the daughter of Willie and Lessie Mackey. She was born in White Haven, Tennessee and received her education in the public schools there. She was the wife of the late Jimmy Thomas for more than 50 years. In 1944, she and her family moved to California from Little Rock, Arkansas. She was saved and united with the McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ under the pastorate of Bishop G.W. McGlothen.

At the Temple she has served as a faithful member of the sewing circle, Sunday School and President of the Mothers' Board. After her retirement from the Del Monte Cannery, you could find her at the Church in the noontime prayer daily. She was one of the most faithful church members we have ever known. She gave her time, her talent and her money, and did it all without murmuring. Many a Sunday, she would come to early morning worship and stay through the evening service. She always met you with a smile. She was a loving member, a model member and will be greatly missed in the church and the community.

She was a devoted mother who saw to it that her children were given the best she could provide, in loving care, spiritual nourishment, and material comforts. The example she lived day by day will ever be a goal for her family to strive to reach. She was well known and respected in her community. On many occasions she left her own home to stay and care for Mother Mary Brown and other senior citizens in her community.

She leaves to celebrate her home-going a loving daughter, Eddie Mae Smith; one nephew that she reared as her son, Louis Mackey, seven grandchildren- Eddie Smith, Ramona Morris, Trina Morris, Lamar Rodgers, Derick Mackey, Louis Mackey,III, and Devin Mackey; four great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; two foster granddaughters, Sherry Jordan and Juanita Hemery and four foster great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, church family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Elder Edieu F. McNeil, Presiding

Organ Prelude

Processional

Congregational Hymn

Invocation — Elder Malachi Hall

Reading of God's Word
Old Testament - Psalms 90:1-10
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Musical Selection
McGlothen Temple Sanctuary Choir

Expressions (3 minutes)
Mother W.M. Johnson, Ass't Church Mother
Sister Trudy Crawford, Mothers' Board
District Missionary E.B. Graves
Dr. M. McGlothen, Juris./Int'l Supervisor

Musical Selection
McGlothen Temple Sanctuary Choir

Expressions (3 Minutes)
Deacon R. Smith, Sunday School Teacher
Deacon R. Robinson, Deacon Board Chairman
Friends
Ministers

Church Resolution — Missionary Victoria Williams

Acknowledgement of Condolences and Obituary
Sister Emma Clark

Solo "Home Going" — Evangelist Mary Willard

Eulogy — Pastor John A. Jennings

Parting View

Recessional

Organ Postlude

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Deacon Rufus Robinson
Deacon Robert Smith
Deacon Asbery Ficklin
Deacon Felix Ashley
Deacon Ronald Huey
Brother W. Robinson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Greater Richmond District Women's Department
California NW Mothers' Boards

FLOWER BEARERS

McGlothen Temple Mothers' Board

IN APPRECIATION

The Family of Mother Edmonia Thomas acknowledges with grateful appreciation, the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended at this hour of great sorrow. "Thank you for the telegrams, cards, florals, food, words of comfort and the many kind deeds and prayers shared with us during the illness and loss of our loved one. We also thank you for attending the funeral services.

- The Family

INTERMENT

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, California

- ARRANGEMENTS BY -

Rose Manor Funeral Services
3331 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, California